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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LOW CONFERENCE

1. IN DRAMATIC VOTE AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 4 CONFERENCE RE-
JECTED PROPOSAL TO CONSIDER SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF

ALGERIAN RESOLUTION FOR INVITATION TO PRG ON BASIS MAJORITY
VOTE. ACTUAL VOTE WAS 41-41, BUT CONFERENCE RULE STATES
THAT IN EVENT OF TIE PROPOSITION IS DEFEATED. CONFERENCE
CHAIRMAN, SWISS FONMIN GRABER, SUBSEQUENTLY RULED AS RESULT
THAT RULE 32, REQUIRING TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE FOR CON-
SIDERATION OF PRG INVITATION, APPLIES, THUS UPHOLDING US
POSITION ON THIS VITAL PROCEDURAL ISSUE. HOWEVER, SOVIETS
HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY MAY MOUNT A CHALLENGE TO CHAIRMAN'S
RULING DURING PLENARY SESSION FEBRUARY 5.

2. IF SOVIETS CARRY THROUGH WITH THEIR CHALLENGE WE EX-
PECT VOTE TO BE EXTREMELY CLOSE. HOST GOVERNMENTS OF ACTION
ADDRESSEES ABSTAINED IN VOTE NOTED PARA 1. REQUEST THAT
UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OVERRIDING OBJECTIONS, YOU APPROACH
HOST GOVERNMENT AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE HOUR AND STRONGLY
URGE IT TO NOW INSTRUCT ITS DELEGATION TO VOTE TO UPHOLD
CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN'S RULING ON RULE 32 DURING DEBATE
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